

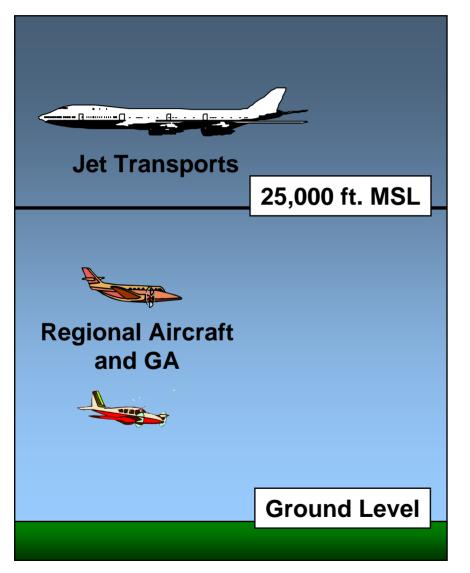
TAMDAR Overview, Update, and Accomplishments

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Airborne Weather Reporting



Targeted Problem:

Inaccurate and unreliable aviation weather forecasts due to the lack of sufficient atmospheric data collection in the lower atmosphere.

Pilots, weather briefers, forecast modelers and controllers need reports of moisture, temperature, winds, turbulence, and icing at all flight levels.



Tri-Agency Leadership



Concept of Operations



Sensor Development



Measurement Requirements

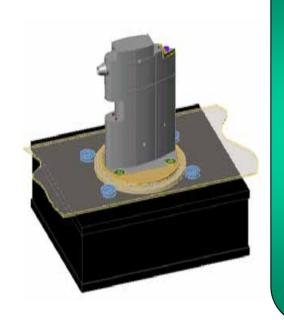
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"Operational Concepts for Collection and Dissemination of Aircraft Derived Meteorological Information"

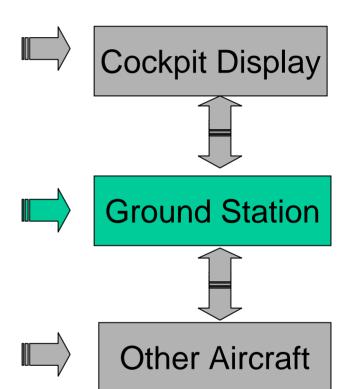
Provides details on sensor requirements and minimum specifications.



TAMDAR Concept



Icing
Temperature
Pressure Altitude
Humidity
Time
Lat / Long
Winds*
Turbulence*
True Airspeed*

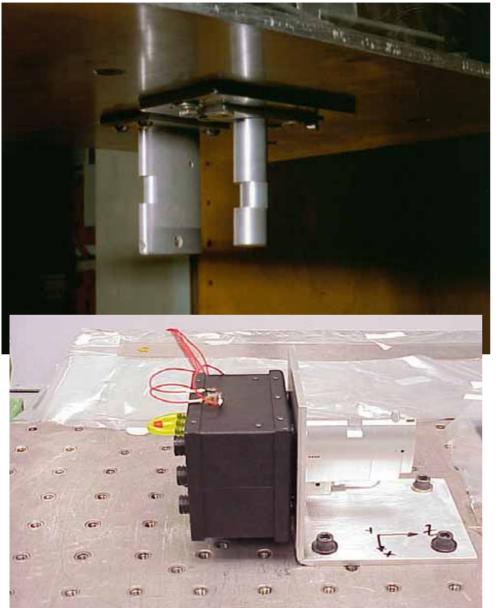


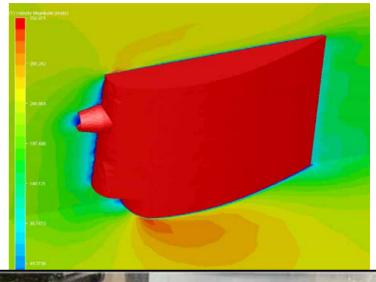
TAMDAR Sensor

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Sensor Development & Testing









TAMDAR Flight Tests



NOAA P3



UND Citation



NASA Twin Otter



NPGS Twin Otter



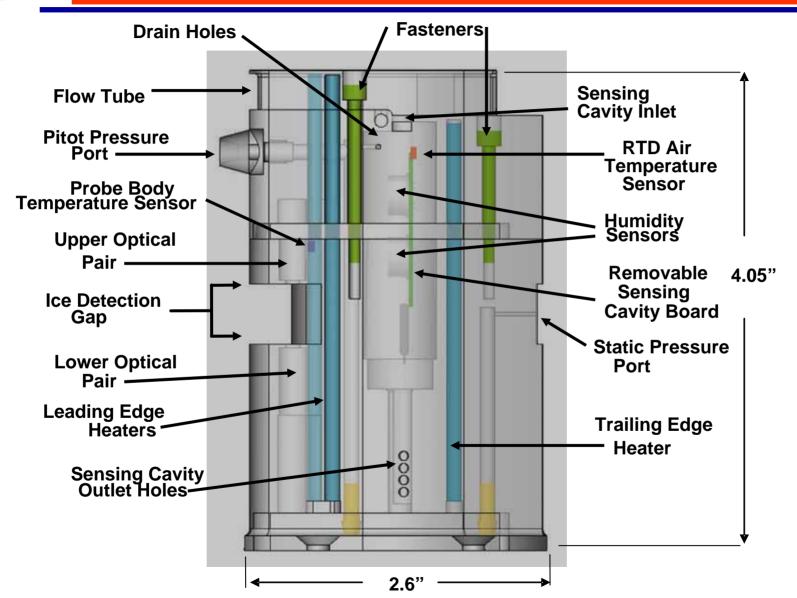
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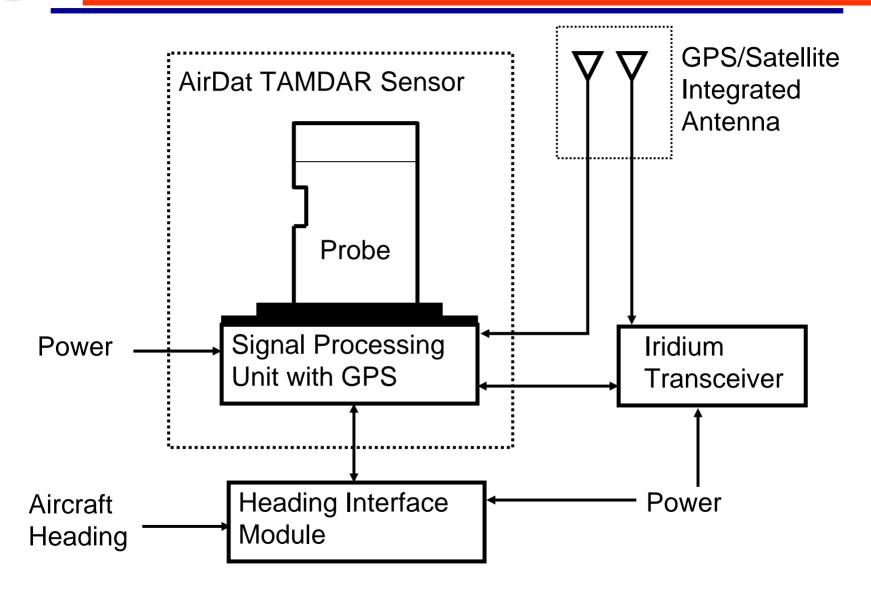


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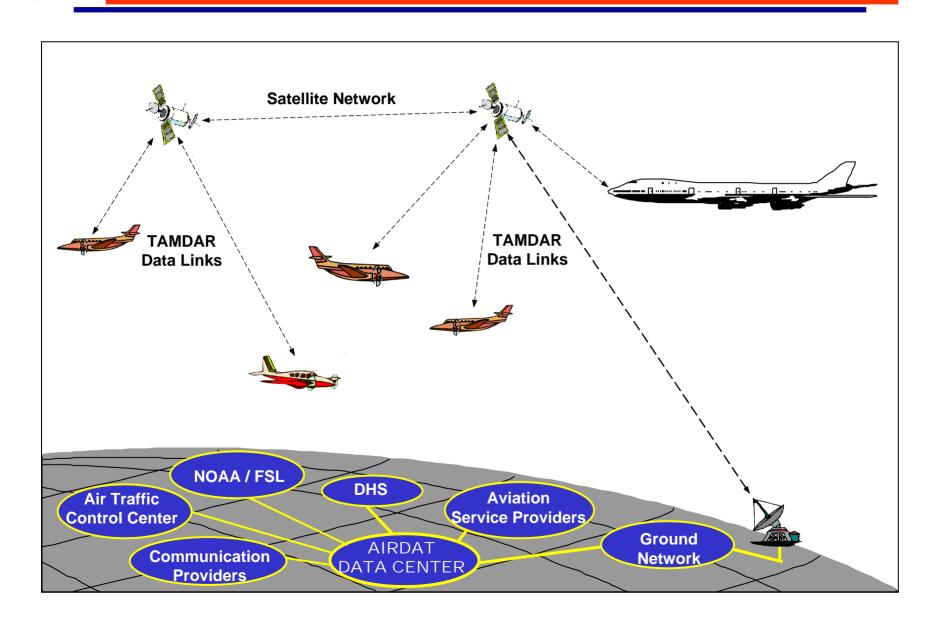


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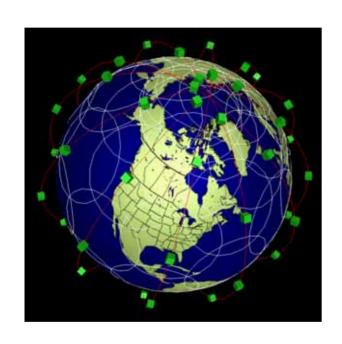


AirDat Network





TAMDAR System Capabilities



Iridium network

- High resolution ascent/descent data at all airports
- Vertical profiles at several hundred locations
- En-route data from lower flight levels
- Dedicated system control/calibration from the ground
- Field replaceable sensors
- Icing, turbulence, wind data on all equipped aircraft
- Data latency is typically 10-18 seconds



Great Lakes Fleet Experiment



http://www.crh.noaa.gov/tamdar/



Current fleet deployment

- Twelve month deployment
- TAMDAR Team evaluating data for quality, timeliness, reliability, accuracy, and impact
- 63 Mesaba aircraft equipped
- ~400 daily Saab 340 flights
- ~800 daily vertical soundings
- 79 airports
- ~20,000 daily observations

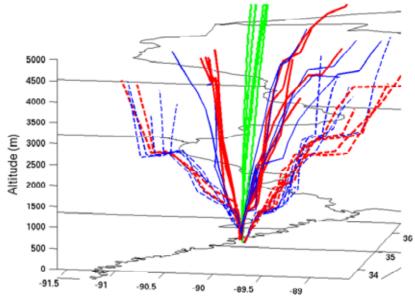


Saab 340 routes shown in green



Status of GLFE

- GLFE extended (FAA funded)
- International Symposium
- Analysis of Memphis-CIMSS deployment data sets
- Impact studies (NCAR)
 - Current Icing Potential
 - Convective Precipitation
 - Precipitation Forecast Skill
 - Turbulence Impact

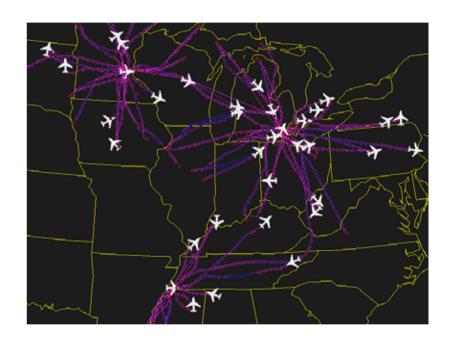






Planned TAMDAR Coverage

- AirDat to add aircraft fleets over next two years
- CONUS coverage can be achieved with ~600 aircraft
- Eventual equipage goals: 1,500 CONUS and 1,500 international





Regulations and Certification

- TriAgency Team "Operational Concepts for Collection and Dissemination of Aircraft Derived Meteorological Information" (2001)
- FAA STC on Saab 340 (2004)
- RTCA SC-206 (Ongoing)
 - Revise DO-267A and DO-252
 - Create new document for aeronautical information services.

